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Regular Session Minutes

April 13, 2012

Board Members Present: Laura Beckman, Chair, OTR,
John Tutelman, Vice – Chair, Public Member
Rebecca Grabski, OTA Member
Christine Feltman Rosenberg, OTR Member

Staff Present: J. Randy Frost, Executive Director
Vicki Egurrola, Administrative Assistant

Legal Representative: Nancy Beck, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arizona State Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Laura Beckman, Chair, presiding.

Roll Call

All Board members were present.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session Minutes March 9, 2012

Christine Feltman Rosenberg requested the minutes to be amended for clerical correction. John Tutelman then moved to approve the March 9, 2012 regular session meeting minutes as amended. Rebecca Grabski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

First Executive session meeting minutes March 9, 2012

John Tutelman moved to approve the March 9, 2012 executive session meeting minutes as presented. Christine Feltman Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Second Executive session meeting minutes March 9, 2012

Rebecca Grabski moved to approve the March 9, 2012 executive session meeting minutes as presented. John Tutelman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Declaration of Conflicts

Laura Beckman recused herself from agenda items 6 (b) 1 and 7 (b). John Tutelman (Vice-Chair) served as Chair for item 6 (b) 1.

Rebecca Grabski recused herself from agenda item 6 (c) (3).

Review Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the meeting schedule for:

- a. May 18, 2012
- b. June 15, 2012
- c. July 13, 2012

a. Initial Review of New Complaints

No new complaints came before the Board.

b. Open Complaints/Investigations

Kerry Deering 11-OT-0104, Laura Beckman recused herself and turned the Chair over to John Tutelman Vice-Chair. Mr. Tutelman explained that new documentation had been provided to the Board and asked Board Members if they had any questions. Rebecca Grabski asked for clarification of the signatures on the documents. Board Staff identified the signatures as Michelle White OT Aide. Ms. White was in attendance and verified that the majority of the signatures on the documents were hers. The documents in question were attendance sheets where Kerry Deering was listed as attending, however, Michelle White signed for Mr. Deering on all but one. Rebecca Grabski requested that Michelle White address the Board.

Michelle White appeared before the Board. Rebecca Grabski asked Ms. White to state what her position was at Deering Therapy and she stated that she was an OT/PT Aide. Ms. Grabski asked Ms. White as an OT/PT Aide what her duties were. Ms. White stated that she was responsible for attending meetings, IEPs and parent consultations at the Kingman Academy. Ms. White also stated that from time to time another Aide or an OTA would attend the meetings as well. Ms. Grabski asked Ms. White what her involvement with the students was. Ms. White stated that she performed the therapy and wrote up treatment plans mostly by "the seat of her pants". Ms. Grabski asked Ms. White if she was the only person working with the students. Ms. White stated that she and another aide would work together some days because of the volume of students they were working with. Ms. Grabski then asked Ms. White if Kerry Deering was ever in attendance at the therapy sessions. Ms. White stated that in the three years that she was there she could count on one hand the number of times Mr. Deering attended. Board Member Christine Feltman-Rosenberg asked Ms. White if Kerry Deering did all the initial evaluations. Ms. White replied that Mr. Deering did do all the initial evaluations but that she handled things from that point.

The Board next heard from Mr. Deering's Attorney Stephanie McCoy Locum. Ms. Locum stated that she was aware that Board Staff had called several patients of Deering Therapy

and that she would like to see the results of those inquiries. Ms. Locum also pointed out that Mr. Deering and other staff members were present to answer the Boards questions.

Roxanne Judd, an employee at Deering Therapy, requested to address the Board. Ms. Judd stated that she felt like Deering Therapy was at a disadvantage because the events being discussed happened several years back. Ms. Judd also stated that the employees at Deering therapy work very hard at providing services to the residents of Kingman. Ms. Judd also stated that Kingman is a very rural area and that it was difficult to get qualified staff to work there. She stated that Mr. Deering pays for his staff to go to school in order to have qualified staff.

Shawna Serles next requested to speak to the Board on behalf of Kerry Deering. Ms Serles stated that she had worked at the Kingman Academy during the time that Deering Therapy provided services. Ms. Serles stated that she worked in special needs in conjunction with Deering Therapy. Ms. Serles stated that she left Kingman Academy to work for Deering Therapy in 2009. Ms. Serles stated that while at Kingman Academy, she worked with several aides and a COTA and that on Thursdays she would meet with Kerry Deering to go over treatment plans.

After hearing the testimonies, Rebecca Grabski move to go into executive session for legal advice. Christine Feltman Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Board went into executive session at 2:03 pm. The Board returned from executive session at 2:27 pm.

Upon return from executive session, Rebecca Grabski requested that Kerry Deering address the Board regarding his role in the Kingman Academy sessions. Mr. Deering stated that his relationship with the Kingman Academy was as a consultant and a therapist. Mr. Deering also stated that during the whole time that he was associated with Kingman Academy that he and/or a COTA were always present. Mr. Deering stated that he did not know what Michelle was referring too. Ms Grabski asked Mr. Deering why his name did not show up in the IEP meetings. Mr. Deering stated that the school did not want him in the IEP meetings. Occasionally he said he would attend if they were on a day he was available. He stated Michelle White would occasionally be sent to the school in regard to paperwork or billing not as the person treating the students as Michelle stated. Christine Feltman Rosenberg asked Mr. Deering how long he had the contract with the Kingman Academy. Mr. Deering stated that he had the contract from approximately 2002 to 2011. Ms. Grabski had several questions regarding IEPs and the sign in sheets.

After much discussion Rebecca Grabski moved to set a formal interview on June 15, 2012 for Kerry Deering citing possible violations of A.R.S § 32-3401 (g) (j) (o) (p) (q) (u) (y) and R4-43-401 and R4-43-402 during the years of 2007 and 2008 and any additional information uncovered. Christine Feltman Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board directed staff to continue to subpoena any documents and/or individuals deemed sufficient for evidence.

c. Complaint Action Status Report

The Board discussed the Complaint Action Status Report of the following licensees:

1. Melanie Conatser, 11-OT-3009, Board staff reported that Ms. Conatser has submitted her monthly documentation and submitted additional CEUs to submit for approval. Christine

Feltman Rosenberg moved to approve the courses submitted. John Tutelman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Donna Montgomery, 11-OT-2812, Ms. Montgomery presented the Board with additional CEUs. The Board reviewed and discussed the courses submitted. Laura Beckman moved to accept 5 of the courses submitted. Rebecca Grabski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Dena Hargis, 11-OTA-1999, Staff reported that they have made every attempt to contact her but have been unable to do so. The Board directed staff to drop Ms. Hargis from the discipline list.

4. Angelica Volgelsang, 12-OT-2337, Staff reported that Ms. Volgelsang submitted the letters required by her consent agreement. John Tutelman moved to release Ms. Vogelsang from probation. Rebecca Grabski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

5. Carolee Anglehart, 12-OTA-4448, Staff reported that Ms. Anglehart submitted her signed Consent agreement.

6. Tara Finney, 12-OTA-4469, Staff reported that Ms. Finney is gathering the documents required by her consent agreement.

d. Previously Tabled Matters

Substantive Review, Discussion, and Vote Re: Applications for Licenses as Follows:

a. Initial Application

John Adams	Kristen Armstrong	Oleah Bean
Kimberly Belock	Karee Budnik	Dominique Buenavides
Robert Coons	Michaele Dent	Lyndsey Durst
Destiny Eikerenkoetter	Dale Ellenberg	Shaina Garner
Jami Grover	Stephen Hulse Jr.	Latoya Imadiyi
Robyn James	Kelsey Johnson	Theresa Jones
Joan Kimber	Bonnie Koch	Linda Ladig
Stephanie Ley	Heather McCarthy	Molly McMillan
Leslee Moon	Bonita Morin	Cynthia Moy
Brianne Perry	Melissa Peru	Marla Pomeranz-Rossman
Jodi Ruaro	Patricia Stein	Samantha Swensen
Marietta Tartaglia	Angela Zamarron	

John Tutelman moved to accept the 35 initial applications. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

b. Renewal of Licenses

Jerolyn Allen	Kathleen Anderson	Jeanne Anduri
Judith Arp	April Ater	Carrie Aubrey
Lora Bailey	Sandra Barkyoumb	Vikas Batta
Rachel Beber	Janice Bellezza	Alice Bertoldo
Dawn Bjornson	Lauren Bock	Angela Box
Susana Brat	Barbara Brummel	Julie Burdick

Domenica Campanaro	James Carchidi	Michele Carroll
Maria Conklin	Thomas Conklin	Renee Cornejo
Louise Cudzilo	Froma Cummings	Sue Dahl-Popolzio
Doreen Davis	James Davis	Jamelle Diehl
Diane Domanico	Tanya Dzingle-Baker	Jean Ehlers
Josephine Ekpenyong	Charlyn Ellison	Christina Eng
Emilia Epperly	Donna Evans	Amy Evert
Rebecca Fairfax	Angela Figueroa	Linda Flores
Catrina Franklin	Dan Furlone	Cindy Gailey
Rachel Garr	Angleshier Gibbs	Sonda Gilbert
Machelle Giori	Lina Gonzalez-Ramnarine	Marcia Graham
Connie Greiser	Sue Guidry	Heather Hamlin
Jodi Hansen	Emily Harris	Katharine Harris
Dennis Hartmann	Marian Heaton	Monica Heinemann
Sheri Hentz	Efrain Herrera	Marleen Herro
William High	Pamela Hood-Szivek	Ronda Horton
Mark Hyland	Naomi Jack	Christine Jones
Lisa Jordan	Kelly Kapp	Danny Kissinger
Brenda Knippenberg	Christina Knowles	Anita Kratzer
Mary Lou Lamb	Jayne Lancaster-Fisher	Anette Lanman
Michael Laper	Lisa Larez	Meredith Lefevre
Stacy Lennon	Rebecca Lindstrom	Michele Lonning
Margaret Mack	Bonnie Maginn	Karen Malley
Erika Mamangon	Williams Manns	Anna Maurer
Brooke McCarthy	Alicia Mena	Christine Merchant
Stephen Merkley	Marci Miller	Ruth Milliman
Genelle Mills	Nancy Moeller	William Morrison
Nancy Moses-Cobb	Margaret Murphy	Michael Natoli
Matthew Neat	Kristin Niedbala	Jennifer Nordine
Kathleen Pettersen	Lisa Pevehouse	Aimee Piller
Stephanie Pishos	Kelly Ramsdell	Scott Redman
Susan Reedy	Michael Reynolds	Margaret Richards
Catherine Roberts	Jacque Robidoux	Colleen Roche
Teresa Roddy	Jeanne Rodriguez	Leslie Romanchick
Chad Romanoff	Christopher Rose	Victor Rositas
Kay Ruess	Jeanette Runnings	Amy Ryan
Mark Saalfrank	Susan Sage Barlett	Tina Sauber
Katherine Schofield	Edwinna Schrum	Beth Schumacher
Lynda Schwartz	Pamela Sheean	Nadia Shivack
Andrea Slabaugh	Kara Soderstrom	Tonya Soules
Lukas Starck	Mary Stepler	Shyamala Strack
Anne-Marie Sunde	Rhonda Swihart	Maritza Tafur
Renee Tank	Cheryl Tobin	Kellt Tobin
Megan Toner	Anne Townsend	Karen Waters
Debra Waxman	Bryan Webster	Cindy Webster
Barbara Weiss	Marilyn Zindel	Matthew Zion

Laura Beckman recused herself from the approval of Jerolyn Allen's renewal application. John Tutelman moved to approve the renewal application. Christine Feltman Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rebecca Grabski moved to approve the renewal application of Tanya Dzingle-Baker. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

John Tutelman moved to approve the renewal application of Catrina Franklin. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

John Tutelman moved to approve the renewal application of Christine Merchant. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

John Tutelman moved to approve the renewal application of Lisa Pevehouse. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. Tutelman then moved to offer Ms. Pevehouse a consent agreement for failing to renew on time. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

John Tutelman moved to approve the renewal application of Pamela Sheean. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. Tutelman then moved to offer Ms. Sheean a consent agreement for failing to renew on time. Christine Feltman Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

Laura Beckman moved to approve the remaining 150 renewal application. Rebecca Grabski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

c. Limited Permits

John Oakes

Rebecca Grabski moved to approve the limited permit application. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Administrative Matters

- a. Revenue and Expenditure Report

The Board was presented with an update on the revenue picture.

- b. Administrative Project Status Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the Administrative Project Status.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action Other Board Business and Reports.

- a. Office Automation

The Board was informed of possible costs to revamp the database program.

- b. Correspondence received from Janet Menke, OT

The Board discussed Ms Menke's letter and directed staff to contact her regarding her concerns regarding medical marijuana.

c. Discussion regarding a letter to the employers of R. Harris. The Board discussed whether or not to send the letter to his employers and it was determined that we didn't have jurisdiction and therefore should not. After some discussion, the Board directed staff to send out a general letter to all schools reminding them to use licensed therapists.

Agenda items for next meeting – if any

Call to the Public

There were no public members wishing to address the Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Randy Frost
Executive Director